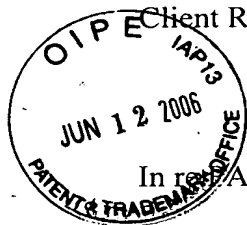


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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination of the above-captioned patent application. This Preliminary Amendment responds to the Final Office Action dated January 10, 2006, the date for response to which is June 12, 2006, due to the intervening week-end and a Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time filed herewith. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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